



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana Educators

FROM: Judy Jenkins, Director of Student Learning

DATE: May 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Dual High School and College Credit Courses for Core 40 Diploma with Academic Honors

Two of the options for a student to qualify for the [Core 40 Diploma with Academic Honors](#) require the student to complete dual high school and college credit courses resulting in transferable college credits. At its meeting on May 6, 2009, the Indiana State Board of Education expanded the scope of courses that meet this requirement to include a college course offered by an accredited postsecondary institution. The requirement previously was defined to include only those courses listed in the Core Transfer Library. The Board's action provides expanded opportunities for Indiana students. The expanded opportunities are available immediately.

The State Board of Education does not accredit postsecondary institutions or recognize accrediting associations. Both the [United States Secretary of Education](#) and the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation](#), however, recognize national and regional accrediting associations and maintain lists of those associations. Schools may consult those lists to determine if a postsecondary institution is accredited by a recognized accrediting organization.

The Department of Education recommends that schools advise parents of any articulation agreements that provide for transferability of college credits. Schools and parents also should be aware that [IC 21-14-8](#) provides college tuition waivers for high school students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch in high school and who enroll in courses under the [Double Up for College Program](#). These courses must be included in the Core Transfer Library or included in articulation agreements that apply to any campus of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana and Vincennes University and draw from liberal arts and the technical, professional, and occupational fields.

In most cases the dual credit high school courses will come from the appropriate state-approved "Advanced, College Credit" course titles:

- Advanced Mathematics, College Credit
- Advanced English/Language Arts, College Credit
- Advanced Science, College Credit
- Advanced Social Studies, College Credit
- Advanced World Languages, College Credit
- Advanced Fine Arts, College Credit
- Advanced Career-Technical Education, College Credit

For more information, refer to the Dual Credit Question & Answer document available at www.transferin.net/dualcredit.

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